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Mr. Peter W. Karp  
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Dear Mr. Karp:

Re: Response to Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Gardner Canyon  
Gypsum Mine, S/023/015, Juab County, Utah

This letter is provided in response to our receipt of a copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) prepared by the USFS for the Gardner Canyon Gypsum Mine proposal. The mine will be located within the Mount Nebo Wilderness area on the Uinta National Forest.

The Division has no formal comment on the DEIS. Should the operator submit a Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations we will perform a comprehensive technical review of the proposal. To date, we have only received and processed a complete Small Mining Notice of Intention for this site. Appendix A, in the DEIS, does contain a proposed Plan of Operations, submitted by the operator. In its present form, this plan is not complete and is inadequate for our review purposes. The plan would require further refinement/development, significant supplemental information and resubmission according to State statutory & regulatory requirements, before the Division could consider approval. Under Utah law, the operator will have to provide strong justification in order to be granted a variance(s) for any disturbed area(s) of the mine site to be left unreclaimed.

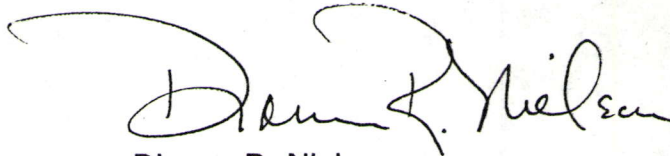
Thank you for providing us with an opportunity to review and comment on this draft document. We appreciate your cooperation and interest in maintaining

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the sound working relationship between our respective agencies. We look forward to working with you on this and other projects in the future. Please contact me, D. Wayne Hedberg, or Holland Shepherd of my staff if we can be of further assistance in this regard.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dianne R. Nielson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "N".

Dianne R. Nielson  
Director

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cc: Lowell P. Braxton, DOGM  
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